MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) and (*b*) The menial and nursing staff in the District Hospitals at Alleppey and Quilon has been fixed according to the necessities felt at different times and bears almost the same proportion to the medical aid rendered by each institution. A statement* of the staff in the two institutions is laid on the table.

The Chunkam and Kothuval Chavady Bridges across the Commercial Canal, Alleppey.

232. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Are the Government aware.

(*a*) that all the bridges across the Commercial Canal except the Stone Bridge are in a damaged condition ; and

(*b*) that owing to the delay in constructing the Chunkam and the Kothuval Chavady bridges and the damaged condition of the other bridges people are put to very great inconvenience ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) It is reported that all the bridges across the Commercial Canal, except the Kothuval Chavady bridge and the Kannenvarkey bridge, are in good condition.

(*b*) The Kothuval Chavady bridge is damaged and is therefore closed for traffic. The Kannenvarkey bridge is also weak and requires reconstruction. Estimates are being prepared for reconstructing these two bridges.

Need for a separate Satram for the use of the non-caste people at the Cape.

233. **MR. D. FRANCIS** (*Nominated*) : (1) Are the Government aware :

(*a*) that people of all castes and creeds in Travancore visit Cape Comorin chiefly during the midsummer holidays, Christmas vacations, etc. ; and

(*b*) that the Christians and other non-caste people experience much inconvenience for want of houses to accommodate them at the Cape when the local travellers' bungalow is not available ?

(2) Will they be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a separate *satram* for the use of the non-caste people at the Cape ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part 2 (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they have any idea of putting the proposal into immediate operation ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : (1) (*a*) and (*b*) Yes.

(2) (*a*) and (*b*) There is no such proposal at present. The matter will be considered.

MR. D. FRANCIS (*Nominated*) : With reference to the answer to parts 2 (*a*) and (*b*) of the question, will the member be pleased to say whether the matter of constructing a *Satram* at the Cape will be considered at the beginning of the next year ?

* *Vide* Appendix XXXV—page 792.

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